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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Ryoji MIZUTANI et al.

Group Art Unit: 3618

Application No.: 10/570,947

Examiner: H. PHAN

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For: WHEEL SUPPORTING APPARATUS IMPROVING RIDE COMFORT OF VEHICLE

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In reply to the July 14, 2009 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection and objections is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-24 are pending in this application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims, at least in light of the following remarks.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 10-12 and 20-24 contain allowable subject matter.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-9 and 13-19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Hewko et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,087,229, hereinafter "Hewko") in view of Tanahashi (U.S. Patent No. 4,650,211). The rejections are respectfully traversed.

The above-applied references do not teach, and would not have rendered obvious, every claimed feature of independent claim 1. The above-applied references do not teach, and would not have rendered obvious, "an elastic member attached to a load member